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## **NEW CASTLE WOMAN INDICTED FOR FILING FALSE TAX RETURNS**

(Wilmington, DE) – Patrick T. Carter, Director of Revenue announced today that the Grand Jury for the Superior Court in New Castle County returned a six-count indictment charging a local woman with filing false state tax returns claiming more than \$5,000 in fraudulent tax refunds.

Tiffany S. Coleman, 26, of New Castle was charged with two felony counts, including attempted theft and filing a false tax return. Coleman was also charged with four misdemeanor counts, including theft and filing a false tax return.

The indictment alleges that during tax years 2004 to 2006, Coleman electronically filed her state income tax returns in an attempt to obtain fraudulent tax refunds totaling more than \$5,000 from the State of Delaware. As a result, the Division of Revenue issued more than \$1,000 in fraudulent refunds. Each of the tax returns prepared and filed by Coleman overstated the amount of state withholding tax purportedly withheld from her wages. Coleman then improperly claimed a tax refund each year which she requested be directly deposited into her personal bank account.

Investigators say that Coleman perpetrated a pattern of fraud by filing a total of three false State of Delaware tax returns which overstated her state withholding taxes in an attempt to mislead the state into believing that she was entitled to income tax refunds to which she was not entitled.

The two felony counts each carry a maximum penalty of five years in prison, and such fines and penalties as the court deems appropriate. The four misdemeanor counts each carry a maximum penalty of one year in prison and \$2,300 in fines.

This case stems from an investigation conducted by the Delaware Division of Revenue's Criminal Investigation Unit and referred to the Delaware Attorney General's office for indictment and prosecution.

Coleman awaits arraignment and trial date in Superior Court in Wilmington.

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